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Stacey Bolk et al.

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Application No.: 10/007781

Art Unit: 1634

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For: ASSOCIATION OF THROMBOSPONDIN  
POLYMORPHISMS WITH VASCULAR  
DISEASE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2004 in the above-identified application. The Office Action sets forth a three month period to file a response. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a one month extension of time. Accordingly, the time to file a response has been extended to May 8, 2004, and this response is being timely filed. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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